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BRAZIL

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1. SUMMARY: GERMAN NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT FRG
CABINET AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE OF GOVERNMENT-
GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL COVERING
TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY INCLUDING UP TO
EIGHT POWER PLANTS, CONSTRUCTION OF FUEL ELEMENT
FABRICATION PLANT, COOPERATION IN JET NOZZLE
URANIUM ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY AND A PILOT PLANT FOR
REPROCESSING OF IRRADIATED NUCLEAR FUELS. ARTICLE
NOTES THAT BRAZIL IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT IAEA
SAFEGUARDS.

END SUMMARY

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2. MAY 2"FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE"(FAZ) REPORTS APRIL 30
FRG CABINET DECISION TO AUTHORIZE SIGNATURE OF
GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL. FAZ ESTIMATES VALUE
OF PROPOSED SALE AS DM 10 BILLION OVER 15
YEAR PERIOD AND REPORTS THAT CAPACITY OF GERMAN
NUCLEAR INDUSTRY IS ADEQUATE FOR BOTH BRAZILIAN
ORDER AND PLANNED EXPANSION OF GERMAN NUCLEAR POWER
PRODUCTION TO 45-50000 EMW BY 1985.

3. FAZ NOTES THAT THE SUSPENSION OF US NUCLEAR EXPORTS
CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED GERMANY'S DEPENDENCE ON A FEW
IMPORTANT SUPPLIERS. CONSEQUENTLY, FRG MUST DEVELOP
SUPPLEMENTAL SOURCES OF URANIUM FOR 1980'S. BRAZIL WILL
SUPPLY FRG WITH NATURAL URANIUM.

4. ARTICLE NOTES BRAZIL HAS NOT SIGNED NPT AND
THAT, CONSEQUENTLY, FRG MAY NOT SUPPLY NUCLEAR
MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT UNLESS BRAZIL ACCEPTS
IAEA SAFEGUARDS. BRAZIL IS PREPARED TO DO SO.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: FRG OFFICIALS CONFIRM THIS
CABINET DECISION. THEY ARE NOT RPT NOT ABLE TO
PREDICT DATE OF SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT BECAUSE
IT MUST BE CLEARED WITH EURATOM UNDER ARTICLE
103 OF THE TREATY. THIS COULD TAKE FOUR WEEKS.
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